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OBITUARIES

SAMUEL C. BORZILLERI,

74, a partner in a Washington law firm, a former legal consultant to the American Legion and a World War II veteran who retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel, died of cancer Nov. 13 at Bethesda Naval Medical Center.

Mr. Borzilleri, a resident of Kensington, was born in Rochester, N.Y. He graduated from Notre Dame University and also received his law degree there. Later, Notre Dame conferred on him an honorary doctorate of laws.

In World War II, Mr. Borzilleri was an intelligence officer in the Army Air Forces. He served in Italy and North Africa and was chief of escape and evasion for the 12th Air Force in the Mediterranean theater.

In this job he was responsible for recovering allied airmen who were shot down behind enemy lines, a job that involved making contact with partisan groups in Italy and Yugoslavia. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart.

After the war, Mr. Borzilleri remained in the service. He was chief of the legal branch for the secretary of the Army and then chief of the

tort section for the judge advocate general of the Air Force.

In 1951, he returned to civilian life and for the next three years he worked for the Central Intelligence Agency. He then established a law practice in Washington. At the time of his death he was a partner in the firm of Borzilleri, Diemer and Baker. Over the years he handled a number of cases involving veterans rights.

Mr. Borzilleri retired from the Air Force Reserve in 1969. He was a member of the American Legion and the Reserve Officers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Borzilleri of Washington; three children, Thomas and Elissa Borzilleri, both of Bethesda, and Lauren Sollod of College Park; a sister, Betty Stephenson of Hilton Head, S.C., and four grandchildren.